

THE AMENDED CLAIMS

- 1 1. (currently amended) A swimsuit comprising:
- 2 (a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;
- 3 (b) a fastening device which couples a first part of a body of the swimsuit
- 4 ~~body~~ to a second part of the swimsuit body; and
- 5 (c) a storage compartment on the swimsuit body which compactly stows the
- 6 body;
- 7 wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said
- 8 fastening device is engaged, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.
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- 1 2. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is adapted to
- 2 completely encircle said human waist.
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- 1 3. (original) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is selected from the group
- 2 consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.
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- 1 4. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein the loop comprises a
- 2 chain made of a material resistant to corrosion.
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- 1 5. (previously presented) A method of removing a swimsuit separable at at least one
- 2 point by a fastening device while leaving it attached to a human body, comprising:

- 3 (a) decoupling at least one fastening device on a body of the swimsuit and
4 separating a first part of the body of the swimsuit from a second part of the
5 body of the swimsuit;
6 (b) compacting the body of the swimsuit into a small space;
7 (c) storing the compacted body of the swimsuit using at least one storage
8 compartment on the body of the swimsuit; and
9 (d) using a loop at least partially encircling the human body for supporting the
10 swimsuit on the human body.

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- 1 6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the storing of the compacted body of
2 the swimsuit using the at least one storage compartment is performed through an
3 opening at an end of the at least one storage compartment.

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- 1 7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the at least one storage compartment
2 comprises two storage compartments.

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- 1 8. (previously presented) A method of making a collapsible swimsuit comprising:
2 (a) separating a swimsuit body at at least one position;
3 (b) attaching a piece of material to said body of the swimsuit and defining a
4 storage compartment therebetween;
5 (c) attaching at least one fastening device to the swimsuit at the at least one
6 separation position, the at least one fastening device enabling fastening of

7 one portion of the swimsuit body to another portion of the swimsuit body;

8 and

9 (d) attaching a loop capable of at least partially enclosing a human waist to
10 the swimsuit.

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1 9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is capable of completely
2 encircling a human waist.

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1 10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein said loop is selected from the group
2 consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular element.

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1 11. (previously presented) A swimsuit comprising:

2 (a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;

3 (b) a body having a front end and a rear end, the front end having a width
4 greater than the rear end;

5 (c) a fastener for detachably coupling the rear end of the body to said loop;

6 and

7 (d) a storage compartment on the front of the swimsuit for compactly stowing
8 the body;

9 wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said
10 fastener is attached, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.

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- 1 12. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is adapted to completely
2 encircle said human waist.
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- 1 13. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is selected from the group
2 consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.
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- 1 14. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein the loop comprises a
2 chain made of a material resistant to corrosion.